

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

DODGE CITY, SATURDAY, MAR. 2, '78.

The green grass is beginning to grow.

A blacksmith shop and a butcher shop have been started in Spearville.

Mr. J. C. Connor expects a visit from his father in a few days.

Major Vanvorhis paid us a hurried visit yesterday.

The new accommodation train will arrive some time on Monday.

Mr. T. F. Harwood expects to start for Washington, D. C., in a few days.

Fresh butter and eggs kept continually at M. Collar's.

Fifty land seekers arrived on the train this afternoon.

Mr. E. F. Colborn goes down to Larned to-morrow night to prove up on his claim.

Col. C. H. Smith, 19th Inf., Fort Lyon, Col., is in the city. He visited the Fort to-day.

We admit that Ellis is ahead of Dodge City in one thing at least. She has a public library.

Assistant Superintendent Pettibone is now in charge of the A. T. & S. F. road from Emporia to Pueblo.

Ladies' and Misses' shoes, all sorts, at cost. Prints six and seven cents per yard at M. Collar's.

Strangers are visiting the city every day. As spring opens we observe a greater activity.

Messrs. C. H. Lane, Sam Samuels and Sally Culbertson started south last Thursday on a prospecting tour. They will be absent about two weeks.

Our school averages above fifty pupils—about fifty-five every day last week. Next year Dodge City must have a graded school.

Miles Mix returned from Colorado last evening. He succeeded in recovering both his horses, finding one at Las Animas and the other at Granada.

Two hundred and eight recruits, in charge of four officers, arrived by the train to-day. They will be assigned to the different companies of the 19th Infantry.

The time table of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe will be changed on Sunday. The eastern bound train will leave one hour later, and the train from the east arrive thirty minutes earlier than at present.

Fred Berah, for some time past chief cook in Richardson's bakery, left for Dodge City last Tuesday. He and a resident of Dodge will start a bakery. —[Newman Kansan.]

Mr. James C. Connor expects soon to commence improvements on his Belle Isle farm. He will break the greater portion of the farm and put in about one hundred acres of wheat. We expect to see Jimmie a prominent grainger in a few short years.

On account of Professor Garland's manipulation of the weather, the church social last night was a failure. This was quite a disappointment to the many friends of Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Wright as all expected a jolly time.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Tuesday evening of this week an accident occurred which proved fatal to one of Dodge City's favorite puppies. He was a "black and tan" terrier and belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Isaacson. He was a general favorite and his name was Skip.

Skip was a plucky pup—in fact he was more plucky than wise. He could perform many amusing tricks and his master had him trained in all those performances which tend to make dogs immortal. He did his work nobly. Everybody knew Skip, and knew he was smart; he knew it too; but when on that fatal evening he sought to turn the eastern bound freight train from its track he met more than his match. He let himself on both sides of the railroad track, and now his Master has gone into mourning and refuses to be comforted.

GONE TO CLARKE COUNTY.

Mr. J. H. Cruzen, from Rice county, this state, and an old pioneer of Western Kansas, at the head of a small colony of emigrants from Pennsylvania left Dodge City last Wednesday to take a look at Clarke county with a view to settling. We have known Mr. Cruzen for several years. He has always been an enthusiastic worker for the settlement of the Arkansas Valley, and was for a long time in the employ of the land department of the A. T. & S. F. R. R. Mr. Cruzen has also been an indefatigable worker for the moral and religious development of the Valley and has done much in the church and Sabbath school cause.

Clarke county is an excellent country but is occupied at present by large herds of cattle. We are inclined to believe that better locations for farming can be found north of the river, as it will be almost impossible to carry on farming successfully there without fencing.

EASTERN FORD COUNTY.

Towns Springing up and Farmers Plowing and Planting on an Extensive Scale.

Having occasion to visit the eastern portion of the county, in company with Sheriff Masterson, the following observations were taken during the trip, and we trust will prove of interest to those who desire to learn as much as possible of this country, with a view to immigrating:

For seven miles east from Dodge City lies the Fort Dodge reservation. The northern part of this reserve is as fine land as can be found in the county and should be opened up to actual settlers as soon as possible.

From the east line of the reservation to Spearville is about nine miles, and the government land is about half taken; but in less than three months there will not be a foot of vacant government land left. The land is all of one quality—high, rolling prairie. A great many new comers prefer valley land, but the early settlers say the uplands are the best.

Six miles this side of Spearville Mr. Reuben Shuman has taken a claim and built a frame house and a stable. In time there will be a railroad switch and a post-office near his place. Several other new houses, on either side of the road, between Mr. Shuman's and Spearville, are visible.

SPEARVILLE.

This is now a busy town, where a few months ago stood only a section house. Messrs. Hall & Nelson are the oldest merchants, and have a steady trade, which is rapidly increasing.

Mr. J. M. H. Bowman has more recently established himself in the grocery and notion trade. In his store is kept a book where the names of all the new arrivals are registered. In connection with his store he has a restaurant, where a good meal can be had for 35 cents.

A grain and feed store is kept by J. G. Miller, who is also agent for the noted "Kansas Bell" plows, manufactured at Dodge City.

Squire Vanvorhis has a lumber yard and together with another of the Vanvorhis boys, keeps a heating and lard office. He can hardly ship in enough lumber to supply the demand. The Squire is commencing to build one of the finest hotels in the west. The location is on the principal street, in the central part of the city.

A very substantial hotel 24x40, 18 feet high, stone cellar, is now about completed in the western part of the city. Mr. Wm. Hoedaker is the proprietor. Mr. C. S. Winans is doing the carpenter work. The rooms will be nicely plastered, and when completed fifty guests can be accommodated.

Mr. W. V. Johnston, one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of the town, has a railroad and general land office near the depot. He is a member and agent for the Spearville Town Company. As a town builder he seems to be very successful.

Mr. N. C. Jones, has recently arrived and expects to open a feed office.

The large livery and feed stable formerly run by J. E. Vanvorhis, is now owned and conducted by T. R. Vanvorhis.

One of the indications of the large business done at Spearville is the immense piles of freight, of all kinds, unloaded from the train every day at the depot. Mr. Ezra D. Swan, the station agent, took in money enough this week to start a bank.

In summing up the personnel of this flourishing young town, it would be gross neglect not to mention the fact that Jonas Stafford, the "oldest inhabitant," is still there, attending to his duties as section boss.

THE COUNTRY.

Surrounding Spearville on all sides is the finest farming country in the State of Kansas. Directly south of town is the farm of Mr. Henry Wear, on the east is Major Vanvorhis, and two and one-half miles southeast is Mr. J. Taylor's place. These farms were only opened up last year. The beauty of the land cannot be beat, the soil is excellent, and heavy crops of small grain will be harvested from the fields where seed has been sown. North of town are the new improvements of Messrs. Falkerson, McChain, Winous, Batton and others, and northeast a few miles from town, Mr. W. A. Sturges, one of the rising young farmers of the county, has set his stakes. Four miles east of Spearville, Captain J. H. Jack has recently located, and being a man of means and enterprise, has purchased a railroad section adjoining his homestead, and will soon commence to lay out a town. He offers free lots and will furnish lumber at eastern prices, with freight added, to those who wish to build. He also offers to build a railroad depot, opposite his place, near the railroad track, and pay the salary of an agent for one year, upon condition that a switch and side-track is built by the railroad company. On the opposite side of the railroad from Mr. Jack's is the earthly abode of the Rev. W. H. Honnell, who expects in the near future to preside in a sanctuary which is to be erected on his farm.

Just half way between Spearville and Offerle is the farm of Mr. J. D. Allan and son. They have about completed a store building, near the road, where groceries, provisions &c., will be kept. As the old gentleman and his son are general favorites among their neighbors, they will no

doubt build up a flourishing trade, besides the supplying of western-bound emigrants.

The older settlement between Mr. Allen's place and the eastern portion of the county is gradually growing and advancing. A large acreage of small grain is being sown. Many of the farmers have been plowing and planting for some time past. A heavy yield is expected, and we hope none will be disappointed. Mr. Lester Marks is making a desperate effort to get rich. May his coffers be filled to overflowing in our prayer. Deputy Sheriff Woodruff and his new bride are living on his farm with every appearance of happiness surrounding them. Mr. and Mrs. Justus Wright have the most comfortable and convenient house in the neighborhood, and two finer young people never emigrated from New York to Kansas.

GRAND CHANGE.

Three Business Firms Move West.

Messrs. Hadder & Draper, who have been doing a general merchandise business in Dodge City for about two years, have for some time past felt the need of a building of their own, in order that as their business extends they may increase the capacity of their store room at will. This week they succeeded in purchasing the large building belonging to C. M. Beeson, on Front street in the central block, and at present occupied by the Saratoga saloon. Messrs. Hadder & Draper will remove their stock into this building some time during the present month.

Mr. C. M. Beeson, immediately after the sale of this building, purchased of R. M. Wright the building where Colley & Manion keep the Long Branch, and will take possession in a few weeks.

Messrs. Colley & Manion will move one door west into the building now occupied by Messrs. Hoover & Cook, who have been running the "Alamo."

This change will leave one less saloon in Dodge City, and in all probability the store room which Hadder & Draper are about to leave will soon be occupied by another mercantile firm, probably by K. W. Evans who owns the building.

Mr. Cook, who leaves the Alamo, will be connected with some other firm in the city this summer, and wherever he goes many of his old customers will follow.

Prof. J. I. Thompson will give readings and recitations at the school house to-night. Admission free.

Capt. J. C. Stone and County Surveyor Vandromp arrived home from a trip to Hodgeman county last Thursday evening. Capt. Stone selected several thousand acres of land in that county for the State school fund. As soon as the weather will permit he intends starting for Foote county to make further selections.

LOOK OUT.

Recent developments indicate that Sheriff Masterson and County Attorney Sutton will soon fasten the clutches of the law upon a band of unsuspecting horse thieves. "Let no guilty man escape."

EXPECTED HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Cox are expected home from their visit to New Jersey in a few days. Their many friends here will be glad to learn that they have a handsome daughter—an only child—a few weeks old, who will accompany them.

ASK OF THE WINDS.

Perhaps some of our readers will remember a man who once resided in this city by the name of Frost. Some months ago he wandered away from his home and friends and his whereabouts is now unknown. We extend sympathy to his bereaved—landlors.

FROM TEXAS—CATTLE DRIVE.

Judge Beverley has letters from Jesse Evans and other stock men in Texas, all speaking in flattering terms of the Spring drive. Mr. Evans says there will be over 300,000 head driven to Dodge City. He will be here in a few days. Judge Beverley's two sons are now preparing to start with their cattle.

NOTICE.

The public are hereby notified that no claims against the blacksmithing establishment now occupied by James Wilson and run under the name of James Wilson & Co., will be paid by Wright, Beverley & Co. unless the same are given or contracted for by W. B. & Co., they being the Company, and the terms of the co-partnership being such that they have the exclusive and only right to contract for said James Wilson & Co.

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THE LATEST NEWS.

The President vetoed the silver bill, expounding his reasons therefor. He states that the capital defect of the bill is that it contains "no provision protecting from its operations pre-existing debts, in which case the coinage which it creates shall continue of less value than that which was the sole legal tender when they were created."

Both bodies of Congress passed the bill over the President's veto, as follows: House 136 to 73. Senate yeas 66, nays 19.

Gold opened and closed at 101½. Government bonds strong.

The situation in Europe is still critical.

Wild geese are flocking northward.

The wheat prospect in Kansas is reported favorable.

The Russians are attending the public schools in Hays City.

A new Democratic paper is to be started in Emporia. Rather slim picking.

Jefferson and Shawnee counties are to have a grand match wolf hunt in a short time.

The fruit buds East are swelling rapidly, and the fruit crop thought to be safe.

The Harvey County News comes to us this week illustrated. The pictures are nice.

The land seekers at the Land Office in Hays City have to wait "their turns."

The Kinsley Republican promises to revive the Congressional fight. We are still for Lewis.

Five firms are handling agricultural implements in Hays City.

The weather is subsiding, though there is a gentle blow this morning. Give us a breeze.

The running of an accommodation train to Dodge City will enliven business in this city. See notice of company published elsewhere.

Col. W. G. Dickinson, General Agent of the Arkansas Valley Town Company, called Wednesday. He was on business connected with the Town Company.

Over 4000 acres of land have been taken in the last ten days in the Pawnee valley, by people from New York and Pennsylvania, who are on hand with the r families and teams.

The Kansas silver mines are located on every quarter section of agricultural land in the State, and the man who digs the most will reap the greatest reward. Take a claim.

The Hays City Sentinel says "the sweet simplicity of our Russian people is never so vividly illustrated as when a maiden of sixteen summers blows her nose on the rear breadth of her dress."

The stock raisers of Western Kansas have organized a stock association with headquarters at Ellis. No one can become a member who does not own twenty-five head of cattle or horses. Its object is to protect the interest of the owners of stock.

We don't hear any robins or blue birds, but gentle spring is coming, despite Time's prediction for the 1st of March—"moderating, clear or fair." March has come in like a lion and will go out like a lamb. There was two days snow, and then rain. The gentle Kansas zephyr, oh.

There was a busy scene at the Santa Fe depot, Atchison, Thursday morning. All the Eastern roads brought in large excursion parties, which came up the road yesterday. It is said to be the largest party of land buyers that ever came to Kansas in one body.

Judge George W. Reed, of Chicago, has purchased the Topeka Blade, and taken charge of that paper. We wish him success. Topeka is a good opening for a first class newspaper. Judge Reed is an experienced journalist, and will no doubt make the Blade a first class newspaper.

Dodge is being favored with lectures on the "Devil and Hell," by Rev. Benjamin Martin. The Reverend gentleman draws his illustrations from the city itself.—[Hays Sentinel.]

The above is painfully incorrect. Dr. Peabody was the reverend gentleman who discoursed on the devil and hell. He made no reference to the editor of the Sentinel when speaking of the devil. That would have been an ugly comparison. But when he speaks on heaven the angel of the Sentinel will be taken in and cared for.

HEAVY IMMIGRATION.

Twenty-seven car loads of passengers, numbering 1,250, left Topeka, Thursday, for the Arkansas Valley. These people visit this section for settlement. A large number also went out on the Kansas Pacific Railroad.

YE OLDE FOLKES.

Caroline Richings and Ye Olde Folkies will give two musical entertainments in Dodge City on Friday and Saturday, March 8th and 9th. This company is spoken of in the highest terms. The Denver News says: "The finest entertainment of the season."

CIMARRON.

Mr. G. W. Foughty, of Cimarron, gave us a call this week. He reports forty claims taken in the vicinity of Cimarron, and there are more to follow. Eleven claims were taken in one day. Cimarron is about twenty miles west of Dodge City, and in the organization of Foote county will be made the county seat. There is a fine country surrounding Cimarron, and the settlement of that county assured.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

APPLICATION will be made to the Board of County Commissioners of Ford county, at their next regular meeting, to vacate all streets, alleys and blocks east of Avenue C in the Dodge City Town site, and all of Vine, Cedar and Elm streets running east and west in said town site, also all alleys in blocks north of west Spruce street, except the alley in the block between Vine and Spruce streets and First and Second Avenues and bounded thereby. The object being a more symmetrical and convenient re-laying of the same. W. S. TIEMME, Secretary and Treasurer Dodge City Town Company.